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FOR: BIPOTENTIAL LIVER CELL LINES :

FROM WILD-TYPE MAMMALIAN

LIVER TISSUE

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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SIR:

Helene Strick-Marchand and Mary C. Weiss state that:

- 1. We are named inventors of the above-identified application for patent.
- 2. We are authors of a publication entitled "Inducible differentiation and morphogenesis of bipotential liver cell lines from wild-type mouse embryos", appearing in Hepatology October 2002 vol. 36, No. 4, part 1, pp. 794-804.
- 3. The relevant disclosure of this publication as it relates to Claims 1-46 of the present application is our own work.
- 4. The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under

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